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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act

2. 1. Discussed subject act with Dick Jacobs, Assistant Deputy Archivist for Presidential Libraries, with regard to CIA material held in the White House. He said a decision had not yet been made as to where or under whose jurisdiction the materials would be stored but that the Administrator, GSA was considering controlling the material outside of National Archives jurisdiction. He pointed out that Section 105(1) gives special treatment to Watergate materials and he assumes these will be made available soonest. Section 105(3) exempts national security information from general access. However, all Watergate and other materials will eventually be described (indexed). The public will have access to such indexes and could levy Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests on CIA for declassification review. Jacobs thinks it might take a year to organize and describe Watergate records. It might prove wise to review certain CIA materials known to be in the White House at an early date to see if they fall under any of the exemptions contained in FOIA and E.O. 11652.

2. It might also be of interest to note that Sections 105(6) and 105(7) state that non-Watergate materials are to be treated in the same manner as the presidential papers of other former Presidents. One of the implications of this is that materials which are privileged or which might prove embarrassing to Nixon will not be given public access.

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